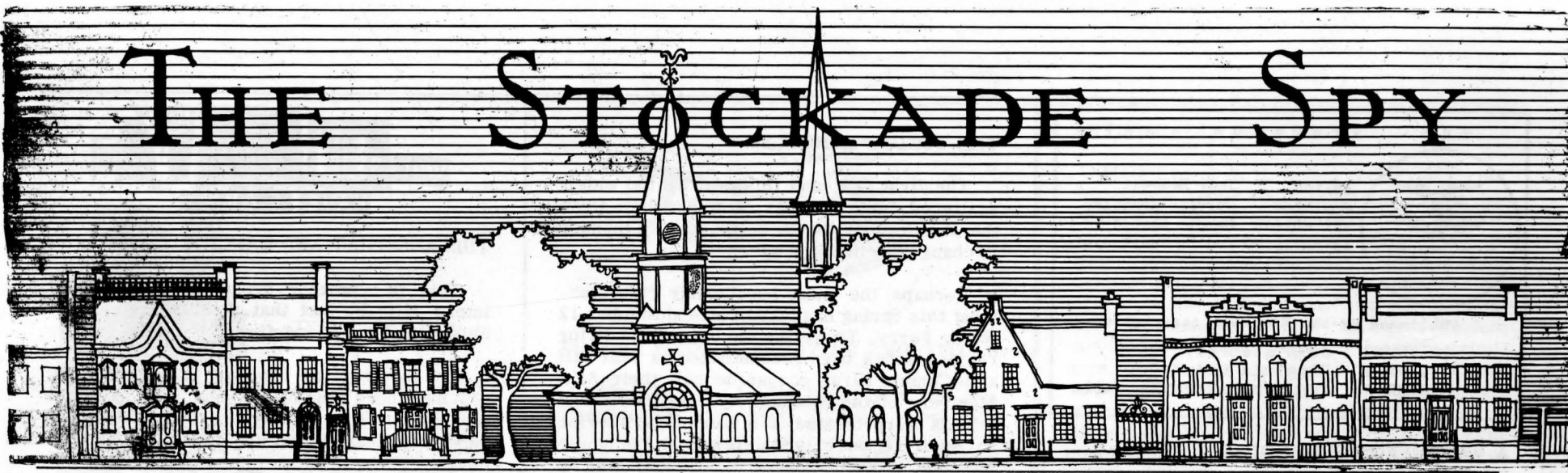


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NEW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

Membership Chairman, Elisabeth Quinn, thanks her entire committee with special plaudits to Stockaders Anna Sherman and Mildred Ey for their outstanding efforts in the drive. Anna was the first to recruit those assigned to her and Mildred recruited the largest number.

A generous thank you to Peg Farry, Committee Co-Chairman, for her splendid cooperation and good disposition.

New members include: John Anderson, Ollie Bunch, Mrs. Helen Clough, Mrs. Constance Colangelo, James Cooper, Mrs. Marguerite Cooper, William Cregab, Miss Dorothy Crooks, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gregory Crozier, Miss Gertrude Duncan, Miss Jean Eichenberger, Miss Helen Davin, Mrs. Henry Erben, Miss Louise Esteven, Russell Field, Commander Joseph Forehand, Mrs. Edna Gifford, The Reverend and Mrs. William Gold, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gilbert Harlow, Mrs. Mary Hennessy, Miss Patricia Herbert, Mrs. Charles Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. William Hirst, Dr. and Mrs. Minao Kamegai, Mrs. Ella Mezger, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Navias, Miss Jeannine Patsy, Mrs. Kenneth MacIntyre, Miss Violet Putnam, Miss Elizabeth Rickey, Miss Esther Rorich, Mrs. Mildred Serrell, Mr. and Mrs. Vander Bogert Shanklin, Miss Mary Steinkirchner, Mr. and Mrs. Willem Westendorp, Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. White, Mr. and Mrs. John Zegger. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Wasso, Miss Dorothy Protnick, Miss Nina Rose, Miss Anna Sherman, Mrs. Clara Tournier, Mrs. John Neal, Mrs. George Lawley, Marvin Dennis, Edward Gibbons, Richard Flaherty, Mrs. Katherine Stewart, James Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. James Underwood, George Simmons, Mrs. Alice Frost, Jack Berkun, Y.M.C.A., Miss Polly Komisar, Mrs. B. L. Bowers, Miss Jane Hyndman, Miss Mildred Engel and Miss Karen Eustice.

NEW SPY EDITOR NAMED

Mrs. James Baar, 22 North Church Street, will assume the responsibilities of the editor of the Stockade Spy with the publication of the June issue. Mrs. Baar presently writes the "Tidings" column and is chairman of the "Walkabout" committee.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mildred Ey, chairman, reports that this committee has just about completed its picture taking of the Stockade. The next step is editing and organizing the photographs.

CHURCH NEWS

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

On the Feast of Pentecost, Confirmation will be held, followed by a reception on the front lawn of the church. The Confirmands, approximately 25, will make a trip to New York City on May 22, visiting the Cloisters and the Inner Church Center there.

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GUIDEBOOK JUDGING IN PROGRESS

The competition has closed, but the work has just begun! Preliminary judging of the many entries for the proposed guidebook is now underway. The guidebook committee has been pleased to note many unexpected and pleasant results of the two month Stockade activity.

Leaders of various participating groups have indicated appreciation for the opportunity to guide young people in a worthwhile endeavor. This was expressed by a representative of the Schenectady Girls' Club who wrote, "... I am sure that our field trip to the area and brief exploration into the field of sketching buildings has been most worthwhile. Many of these girls were totally unaware of the Stockade area, as such." Similarly, Mrs. Manfred Breiter, art teacher at Schenectady's Unitarian Church Sunday School, was quoted in the Schenectady Gazette on April 14. She indicated how much her youngsters enjoyed "learning about architecture, sketching from nature, and enriching their knowledge of historic Schenectady."

Dozens of entries included letters indicating a stimulating visit to our area. Bibliographies similarly listed visits as well as interviews of many prominent Schenectadians and Stockaders. In five cases, personal interviews were so rewarding that dedications were included with the entries. These were in appreciation to General Wm. Milton, Dr. John J. Birch, Judge Archibald C. Wemple, Dr. Carter Davidson, and Mr. David Vrooman and Mrs. John J. Vrooman. It would seem that for many youngsters, the competition provided new and rewarding experiences.

The fine support and expressions of enthusiasm have been most gratifying for all those involved in the project. The ultimate goal, however, still lies ahead. It is hoped that the material submitted will warrant a quality publication. We will be proud indeed to justify the letter of March 2 from County Library Director, E. Leonore White:

"... The library, of course, will want to add copies of the finished guide to its collection. Congratulations on the launching of a worthwhile project."

TRAVEL GUIDE AVAILABLE

"Travel Tips," a community service of the Junior League, is still available. This guide contains more than 500 listings of places to visit within fifty miles from the Tri-City area. The tours are listed under the following categories of interests: amusements, nature, arts, sports, history, military, local color and industry. The handbook also suggests desirable routes and includes admission fees and hours. Mail orders may be sent to "Trip Tips," 962 St. David's Lane, Schenectady 9, New York. The price is \$1.25 plus twenty-five cents for postage and handling.

TREE SALE UNDERWAY

The tree planting committee welcomes William Hirst of Ferry Street and John Dillingham of North Street to its ranks. Vi Putnam, chairman of this committee, tells us that the trees are here and sales are currently underway.

Kinds:	Size at Planting:
Norway Maple	9 - 10 ft. high 1 1/4 - 1 1/2 in. diameter
Sugar Maple	9 - 10 ft. high 1 1/4 - 1 1/2 in. diameter
Flowering Crab	7 - 8 ft. high 1 1/4 - 1 1/2 in. diameter

After a study of the Stockade area, by the Felthousen Nursery, these trees were recommended. The Norway and Sugar Maples turn beautiful colors in the fall and will contrast nicely with the constant-color purple Crimson King Maples we planted last year. The Flowering Crab cannot be planted along the streets because its branches dip down too far, however, it is particularly good in lawned areas and will not grow as tall as the telephone wires. It buds in the spring and has deep, red berries in the fall.

Price and Value. Because we are buying in quantity, we will be able to get any of these trees for \$20.00 each. This money is the sole cost to the buyer. It includes the tree and the planting. If you have a cement or macadam walk in which a square or circle must be cut before planting may take place, the price remains at \$20.00, with the Stockade Association paying the additional amount for the cutting of the sidewalk.

The trees are larger than usual and will be balled and burlapped at the time of planting so that their roots will all be in place and they will be ready for immediate growth.

Payment must be made in advance. You will receive a receipt for your cash or check.

If Something Goes Wrong With Your Tree.

If your tree dies of natural causes, see Felthousen's Nursery for a replacement. If the tree is damaged and dies and you are unable to determine who is responsible for that damage, see the Stockade Association for reimbursement, (as stated in last month's Spy). In either case, the request for satisfaction must be made within a year of the date of planting.

How to Order Your Tree. Call John Dillingham at 17 North Street, phone 374-8944 or, if you live on Green, College, North, or Ingersoll Streets, we are taking house-to-house orders.

Deadlines. All orders for trees must be in by Saturday, May 16, 1964 AT THE VERY LATEST. Trees will be planted during the last two weeks in May.





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THE SUNDAY STROLLER

The first few, and this year all too widely scattered, melting days of spring lure forth the strollers of the Stockade, and all manner of change beguiles the eye.

Perhaps the most spectacular refurbishment this Spring has taken place at Number 12 North Ferry. There the old burned-out Prior residence has been reconstituted as what Bill and Connie Hirst choose to call their Ark. Members of the Stockade Association and old friends were treated to a tour of the interior on April 11, but it is the view from the public way that is our province here. Captivated by the building's high Victoriana, the Hirsts, via the ministering hands of Paul Shaeffer's workmen, have cherished each frill and restored every curlicue, with white trim highlighted in blue with an occasional gleam of gold. Even the old dark mahogany of the door has been revived. As of press time, the ungainly concrete mass of stoop was still slated for replacement by simpler steps, but Number 12 is well on its way to a celebration of its original glory.

Equally impressive, in a quite different key, are the changes wrought on upper Front Street. Number 152, which belongs to Mrs. Josephine Sukatski, has been completely sandblasted and given a trim of shining green. Number 156, the property of Mrs. Mary Hennessy (a simple handsome house designated in the Historical Society records as the John Brown, Jr. House, circa 1814), has been sandblasted, repointed, its trim repainted and its pleasant little front stair restored. Mrs. Hennessy's house was one of the last in the area to benefit from words of advice from the late John Miller.

Coming events: On the gaping greensward left by the still regretted Lyons house removal, a sweep of Felthousen landscaping, to be rendered constant care by the St. George's garden club. The ugly and inadequate wire fencing along Ferry Street will give way to a privet hedge.

And between Dr. Senn's establishment and Mr. Vogel's, still further south on North Ferry, an antique shop is promised in what was once Leo's market!

Barrie Covert



COOK OF THE MONTH

Our cook this month is Mrs. Willard Kitts of 19 Front Street. The recipe is Chicken San Diego and sounds just delicious!

CHICKEN SAN DIEGO

- 2 fryers
- 1 1/2 cups Wesson or olive oil
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 medium cloves of minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon rosemary
- 1 teaspoon sweet basil
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Combine these ingredients to make a savory oil and let stand at least three hours to overnight. Chicken should be in serving pieces - dredge in flour and brown quickly. Put chicken in small roasting pan or casserole - roasting pan should be a shallow one. Cover chicken with sauce and add one cup Dubonnet wine. Bake in oven at 350° until chicken is done... about one hour. For barbecuing - add one tablespoon Kitchen Bouquet to sauce.



THIS AND THAT AND DANCING

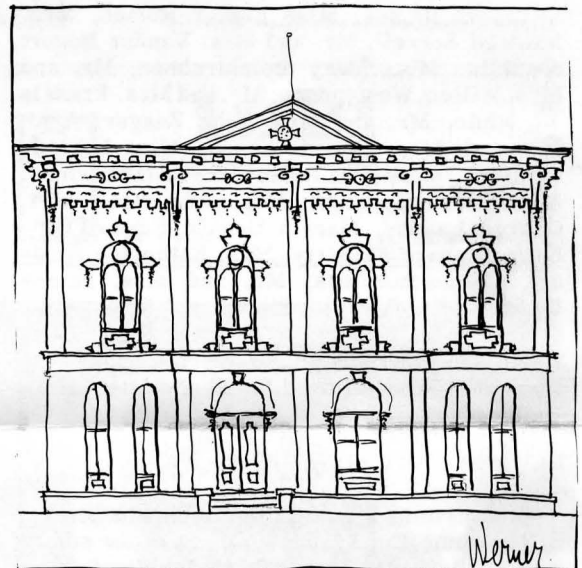
This is a rather broad title, isn't it? I intend it to be just that. It seems so all inclusive and yet so indefinite.

Let me start by thanking all of the people who have been reading my column and have told me how much they enjoy my reminiscences. I especially thank those who called me, like the naughty young (?) girl, who after she had read my last story about the Lamplighter, phoned to tell me this:

"Giles, I remember so well the Lamplighter and the gas lights which you described so well. I remember them particularly because as a child I was forbidden to read when I went to bed. My family didn't realize it, but outside of my bedroom window there was a gas light which each night the Lamplighter lit and which he turned out each morning. It shone through my window and, if I arranged myself properly, I could read by it and no one was the wiser."

I shan't divulge her name or age, but I know that she remembers some dancing classes and cotillions better than I. Yes, I can just remember when she and my parents went dancing down at Yates Boat House.

I also remember dancing classes held there for youngsters older than I. Then I recall that there were the classes at the Arcade Hall of the Edison Hotel, where Vinick's is now at the corner of Wall and State Streets. As I remember, Mr. Van Araman of Troy conducted these dancing classes. Mabel Hall (now Mabel Thompson) also held classes. However, I remember best a Cotillion held at 13 Union Street. I can't remember who our dancing teacher was. It makes little difference because it was all pretty much the same.



Yes, it was like this. Once a week we boys had to be scrubbed up and put in our best clothes complete with patent leather pumps. It was Horrible. No football, baseball or snowballs that afternoon. However, the girls seemed to love it. They were in their prettiest frocks. They were all coy and giggly. They sat on their side of the room. We boys sat on the other, sort of like a Quaker Meeting. The piano started to play and the teacher said:

"Select your partner."

Then came the mad rush toward the prettiest girls, but the instructor took care of the situation. We each bowed politely to a girl saying, "May I have this dance?" Thus we all ended up with a partner whether we liked her or not, and we started to dance. If it was a waltz it was,

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR....

"Parting is such sweet sorrow..." this may sound a bit on the melodramatic side of things, but it is true.

These last few months as editor of the Stockade Spy have been rewarding ones and I am not anxious for this entire experience to become a part of the "past." But so they must.

Part of the pleasure of being the editor of this paper was due to the fine people I worked with and had the occasion to meet. The cooperation which is so necessary to the survival of such an endeavor was evident in every phase . . . reporting, business, advertising, layout and art work, circulation. It is this kind of cooperation, the meeting of the all important deadline, which keeps one from "throwing in the towel" and becoming a victim of depression and discouragement. So, to all my staff . . . a Big Thank you!

I know that your new editor, Beverly Baar, will receive the same help and cooperation that you have all given to me . . . by all, I mean the Stockaders who were helpful with extra stories, art work and just general encouragement and kind words, as well as the regular Spy staff.

Since I am leaving the area, I must add that I shall always remember the wonderful Stockade area, its residents and, last but not least, its newspaper!

Judy Haubens



Church News...continued from page 1, col. 1
 First Reformed Church

Sunday, June 21st, First Reformed will honor its young people who are members of the high school graduating class of 1964. Robed in the gowns of the various schools, they will attend the church service, marching in a special procession, and will also be guests at a breakfast served in their honor.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

The Rev. Frederic Hood, Canon Chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, was the distinguished guest preacher at St. George's Church on Sunday, May third.

Mr. Thomas T. Parke of General Theological Seminary, New York City, will be ordained to the Diaconate on May 23 and will arrive at St. George's in June to take up his position on the staff.

Dr. Barbara Williams, Ph. D., Ass't. Professor of Sociology at St. Lawrence University will speak to members and friends of St. George's on Sunday evening, May 31 at a meeting sponsored by the Georgians, the Women of St. George's and Chi Rho. She will also address the Adult Class following the Eucharist that morning in the Great Hall. General topic, "Contemporary Adolescents."



OUR CHURCHES

St. George's Church has observed its Two Hundredth anniversary as a stronghold of Christian worship, has increased fourfold in numbers during the last century, and is now the largest Parish in the Diocese of Albany. Its beginnings go back to a stormy evening in the winter of 1735, when The Reverend Thomas Barclay made his way to Schenectady, and became the first Minister of the Church of England to hold services at what was to be Saint George's Church. With the help of Trinity Church, New York, and the benefactions of Sir William Johnson, the first Church structure was built in 1759 and the Parish incorporated under the Crown. The building was used as a barracks during the Revolutionary War; today it stands as one of the outstanding examples of early Colonial Architecture. Now, two hundred years from the date of its founding, St. George's serves the spiritual needs of more than fifteen hundred Communicants, their families and the community. The spire of St. George's, reaching high above the graves of those who saw it rise, is the epitaph and symbol of all who labor for the Faith "once and for all delivered to the Saints".

The name of John W. Brown will always be associated with the history of St. George's Church as its founder and first recorded communicant. He was but twenty-one years old when he came to America from England in 1758, and it was he who first initiated the drive to found a Mission of the Church of England in Schenectady. There were about three hundred homes here then, and the town was protected by a fortress capable of holding up to three hundred men. The greater part of the inhabitants were Dutch, but the number of English had increased. Many people worshipped in the Dutch Church, but many stayed away because they could not understand the language. Thus, a church where Services would be conducted in English became a necessity. Heading the list of subscribers to funds for building the Church was the name of Sir William Johnson, then Superintendent of Indian affairs.

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FUTURE WEDDING BELLS WILL RING FOR...

Miss Pamela Louise Coddington and Mr. Theodore F. Colangelo of Front Street this summer.....

Miss Diane Malanowski and Mr. Frederick L. Neal of N. College Street in the summer...

Miss Claire Lipsky and Mr. Robert Airhart on May 16th. The Airharts will reside at 58 Washington Avenue.....

Miss Stebbins and Mr. Fritz Liss in June.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLYWEDS.....

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Spacil of 16 Washington Avenue. Mrs. Spacil is the former Eileen Aiken.....

Mr. and Mrs. Hercules Nicholas. Mrs. Nicholas was Ann Senn, a former resident of the Stockade and a frequent visitor.....

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McNeal formerly of 1170 Waverly Place moved to 58 Washington Avenue on May 1st.....

Mr. Stephen Ruggles, an engineer with the General Electric Company, is moving to 11 N. Church Street.....

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Vrooman have sold their home at 216 Union Street to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. Lydgate of 2213 Stoneridge Road. The Vroomans will make their new home at 43 Washington Avenue.....

Mr. and Mrs. Vander Bogert Shanklin moved into their newly-restored home at 14 North Street on April 27th.....

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford A. Shuler, long-time residents of 230 Green Street, moved to Daytona Beach, Florida at the end of April.....

New residents at 238 Union Street are Mr. and Mrs. Peter Juedes, formerly of New York City. Mr. Juedes is with the Advertising and Sales Promotion Department of the General Electric Company.....

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gruberg are moving to Europe. The Grubergs resided at 201 Green Street.

APRIL HOUSE GUESTS WERE.....

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Monks of Worcester, Massachusetts at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Monks of 21 Front Street.....

Miss Constance Carrier of New Britain, Connecticut at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Covert of 33 Front Street.....

OFF ON JOURNEYS WERE.....

Mrs. L. W. Blanchard of 114 Union Street visiting her daughter and son-in-law and new grandson, Gregory, in Cincinnati, Ohio.....

Miss Jane Van Voast of 25 Front Street and her cousin Miss Julia W. Van Voast of 1084 Wendell Avenue spending several days at Casey Key, Florida.....

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Mr. Mervin L. Denis of 114 N. Ferry Street who has been named a Community Ambassador to Iran and will spend about 8 weeks there this summer.....

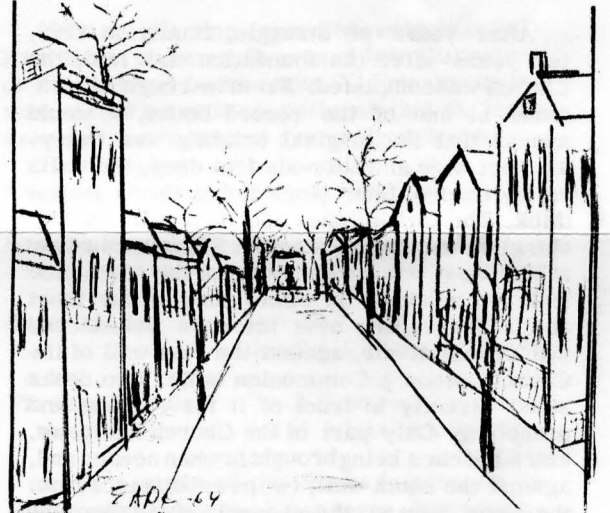
GET WELL WISHES TO.....

Miss May Sara of 1 Union Street who is a patient in the Ellis Hospital.....

Beverly Baar

ARTISTICALLY SPEAKING...

Meet Ernest A. R. Cohen of 27 Front Street. Sometimes known as "the Mayor," Ernie has resided in the Stockade area since 1932. He was pioneer in reclaiming some of the old houses in the area. He was a member of the original Stockade Art class which met for some period in his studio cellar and was also the original promoter of the "Villagers Outdoor Art Show." He is mostly a self-taught primitive painter. His later work is representational and occasionally (and for fun) he tries a hand at non-objective. At a class last summer in Gloucester he worked with the pallet knife and liked it. Ernie has had two one-man shows in the Green Room and has been hung several times in both the Albany and Schenectady museum annual shows. He willingly admits he has "also been rejected plenty."



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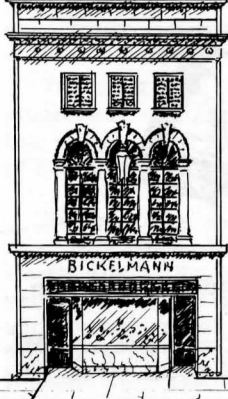
AT THE
INDIAN

Ground was broken for erection of the Church in 1759, where three lots on Ferry Street adjoining the fort had previously been purchased. Progress was slow, but accounts of the building tell of various small steps forward, such as purchase of two stoves which it is said was "an innovation which disturbed the minds of many who did not approve of such novelties". Mr. Samuel Fuller was made architect for the Church building. The building was completed enough in 1763 and, three years later, twenty-three pews were built in it. As yet there was no steeple, so a temporary bell was hung within the Church. That same year, Governor Sir Henry Moore designated the Parish as "St. George's Chapel."

After years of struggle, finally in 1769, ten years after the foundation was laid, the Church was completed. From a rough sketch found in one of the record books, it would appear that the original building was thirty-six feet wide and fifty-six feet deep, the walls of undressed blue stone being thirty inches thick. The high-pitched roof was covered with shingles, and had no steeple. There was a door at the west end and another on the south side and two windows on either side of the front door. The ceiling over the nave was arched and in the middle, against the east wall of the Church, stood a Communion table. Two desks stood directly in front of it for reading and preaching. Only part of the Church had pews, extra benches being brought in when needed and, against the south wall, two pews' distance from the door toward the chancel, stood the pew erected for Sir William Johnson "adorned with a handsome canopy supported by pilasters." Such was St. George's in 1769.

Plans for the late 1940's for the Restoration of the Church proper included a more spacious Sanctuary, in which the Chancel Rail would encircle the Altar, as it did once before one hundred years previously. The Choir and organ were to be returned to the gallery and the unrestricted view of the Altar of the older days restored, and the seating capacity of the Church to be increased to accommodate one hundred fifty additional persons. Plans also provided for additions to the east end to meet the pressing needs of the Clergy, Altar Guild, Acolytes and Choir, but especially for a new, long-awaited Chapel, situated on the main axis and behind the Sanctuary and Altar, --eminently useful for the daily Services, for small weddings or funerals, and joined to the main body of the Church by a transparent partition. This would mean that not only a long felt want would be realized, but that it would no longer be necessary to prepare or preheat the Church during weekdays for such occasions in winter. Thus, long planning, which began when the Reverend Darwin Kirby, Jr., became Rector in 1947, became a reality in the Re-dedication of St. George's Church on September 27, 1953, at an expenditure of \$350,000. During the Rectorship of Father Kirby at St. George's, the membership has increased three hundred per cent in the last fifteen years, during which time the Church as acquired and beautified the properties at 19, 21 and 23 Front Street, one of which is used as a Clergy House. Another building program was completed in 1958, when new and additional Church School facilities, Great Hall, Lounge, kitchen, studies and offices were dedicated, at a total cost of \$250,000. The acquisition of five properties on Green Street made possible the Parking Lot which accommodates one hundred twenty cars. The most recent acquisition, that of the Lyon property at 16 North Ferry Street, and adjoining the Church property, makes possible the eventual beautification of the Church grounds and a more spacious setting for the St. George's of the future.

Pat Hart



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If it was a fox trot, it was, "One, two, three, skip. One, two, three, skip." It was terrible if you didn't get the right girl. But as someone once said, "Good cometh from all things". The "good" that came from dancing school was the Cotillion, like the one I remember at 13 Union Street up on the second floor. You invited the girl of your choice to go with you. You gave her a bouquet which your parents paid for. You went "one, two, skip or one, two, three, skip" with her until the wee hours of the morning (9 P.M.). It really had been worth a bath and dressing up once a week.

Giles Y. van der Bogert

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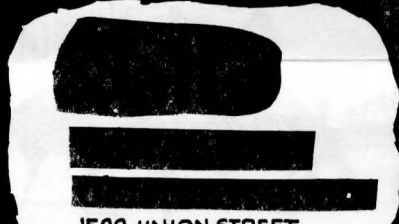
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